

CURRENT NEWS.

WASHINGTON.

Ex-Chief Justice Casey, of the Court of Claims, died at Washington on the 10th, at the age of 84 years.

A Republican Senatorial Caucus, held on the 11th, resolved to resist to the utmost the repeal of the Federal Supervisors of Election law, which the Democrats have agreed to repeal as a part of the compromise bill.

The Senate has passed a bill to amend the Test-oath law, and also in reference to the Butler-Corbin contest.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Indian Affairs, the Senate has appointed a select committee to sit during the recess to investigate the treatment and escape from Fort Robinson and subsequent slaughter of the Northern Cheyenne Indians.

President Hayes will leave for the next morning to Connecticut, California and Texas.

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The President has nominated Horatio C. Burdick, Representative in the present Congress from the Fifth District of Illinois, Director of the Chicago and North Western Railroad, to be Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The President has approved the bill to allow women to practice before the Supreme Court.

The Democratic Senatorial Caucus resolved to recede from the action previously taken by the Joint Congressional Caucus, pledging their support to the repeal of the Federal Supervisors of Election law.

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WEST AND SOUTH.

William Butler and wife, of Hallsville, Ross County, O., residing at Hallsville, O., and leaving their two children, aged 10 and 12, in the house. During their absence the house burned down and the children perished in the flames.

Senator Christopher S. Smith, of the 10th Missouri, tendered his resignation to the Governor.

By the carrying in of an embankment on the Kansas and Alton Railroad extension at Kansas City, on the 11th, 12 men, 4 laborers and four teams were buried in the cut. Six of the unfortunate men were dead when excavated, their names being James Ryan, Thomas Casey, Dan Lucitt, Richard Ryan, E. J. Ryan and Peter Ryan. The others were badly injured, one of them, James O'Brien, probably fatally.

A correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal, dated Memphis to investigate reports of yellow fever there, telegraphed an emphatic denial of its existence.

At Brownsville, Tenn., on the 12th, Frank Bond, a young lawyer, was shot and fatally injured by his cousin, James B. Bond, Jr., who then attempted to shoot himself, but the bullet missed.

The latter's wound is not serious. The shooting was the result of a disagreement regarding the sale of some property in which both had an interest.

A negro burglar named Wm. Patterson, who attempted to rob the jewelry store of M. B. Wright in Kansas City, on the night of the 12th, was killed in a hand-to-hand fight with the clerk, and the storekeeper, Augustus Mary, who was armed with a dirk-knife. The coroner's jury exonerated young Mary.

How Zach Chandler has been nominated unanimously as successor to ex-Senator Christopher.

The steamer A. C. Donnelly was burned on the night of the 14th a few miles below Cairo, on the Mississippi River. The burning boat was run aground upon Island No. 1, and all the passengers escaped. The vessel was a small tugboat, and was carrying several hundred passengers.

Seven of the Cheyenne prisoners, confined at Fort Leavenworth, were killed by the Indians on the 10th, and their bodies were found on the 11th.

James Beck, a baggage-master on the Iron Mountain Railway, has been convicted of robbing the mails and sentenced to three years in the Penitentiary.

The main building of the Soldiers' Orphan Home at Xenia, O., was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 10th. The building was a large two-story structure, and was used for the residence of the children. The fire broke out in the kitchen, and spread rapidly, destroying the entire building.

Several members of the Legislature, officially visiting the Christianization Society, were jumping from the second-story windows. The entire contents of the building, including the personal effects of officers and teachers, were destroyed. The loss to the State is estimated at \$100,000.

Three masked men robbed the Little Rock mail-stage on the night of the 14th, three miles west of Pine Bluff, Ark. The driver and the single passenger on board were released of their money and valuables and the mail-bag gutted. No clue to the robbers.

Rev. Peter Watta, a colored Baptist preacher of Madisonville, Mo., was shot and killed on the night of the 15th by Andrew Emery, a colored boy of 17, employed as a coachman by Mr. J. W. Jett, of Red Bank. Watta was driving toward Jett's house in a suspicious manner, and young Emery, who was a member of the same church, fired his gun with fatal effect.

The burglarized only a short time previous, and the family being absent, Emery was on the "look-out" for another attempt. It was believed that Watta's mission was one of love, not burglary, as he was seen talking with a young colored girl, a servant in the house, and was seen to have a key in his hand.

At a caucus of the white settlers of a place, owing to threatened hostilities on the part of the Indians, the trouble arose out of the arrest of two Indians charged with murder. At last accounts the whites had armed and fortified themselves, and were awaiting an attack. The collector at Sitka has telegraphed Secretary Sherman for aid, and meanwhile the commander of a British vessel has been asked to afford them protection.

Dr. George H. Gray, of Denison, Texas, who distinguished himself by professional services at Holly Springs during the epidemic, committed suicide at New Orleans on the 15th by shooting himself through the heart. He was 45 years of age.

Judge Baxter of the United States District Court has appointed Thomas J. Latham receiver for the City of Memphis. He is to take charge of all the effects of the late municipality, including unpaid tax-bills to the amount of \$100,000, and the creditors are ordered to file their claims on or before the third Monday in May. These claims are supposed to reach \$2,000,000.

John Edwards was hanged at Cleveland, O., on the 12th, for the murder of his mistress, Mary Kelly, in December, 1877.

Ex-Governor Pinchback has accepted the office of Revenue Agent of the Louisiana District.

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